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Surf Pines Home Owners Association Quarterly Newsletter July 2017

President's Message

Susan Holloway



THANK YOU:

To Clarke Powers for all of the work on the 2017/18 budget. Clarke led a Saturday workshop to improve the processes and outcome of budgeting. The Board and Committee Chairs spent hours improving our understanding of the needs of the Home Owners Association. The budget will be approved by the Board by the time you receive this newsletter. Look for budget information in your Annual Meeting Packet and a vote at the Annual Meeting.

To our residents of Surf Pines who work for our local and state policing agencies. They are extra security eyes and ears and assist John on so many occasions, thereby keeping our homes and residents safer.

To the Community Relations Committee for the fun July plans:

- The garage sale ~~ an opportunity to make a few dollars while cleaning out your closets and

garage. This sale is famous and people drive to Surf Pines from miles around!

- The July 2nd Picnic in the Park ~~ an eagerly awaited annual event with great food, games and a chance to mingle. We hope all of you can come.

To John Gates for manning the pumps this wet wet winter. There was no flooding ~~ such a relief.

To the Roads and Grounds Committee ~~ the road paving should be completed by the time you receive this.

RECRUITING BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

I believe that we, as a Board, have done a great job of providing leadership, solutions, and respect for the residents the last few years. We would like others to join us as we do the work to keep Surf Pines a wonderful residential area. Committees meet once a month. Board meetings are very two months and we work as a team to accomplish the challenges. Give me a call and let me twist your arm!

HOA ATTORNEY: (Home Owner Association Attorney)

The Board chose to seek the advice of an HOA attorney to make sure we are complying with Oregon Law and running the HOA in the most professional manner. Debbie and I have worked for more than two years to straighten out the Association books and records and an HOA Attorney will advance us nearer our goal. Most of his work will occur in 2017/18.

MANION PINES:

The Nygaard family is now set to proceed with the housing development at the corner of Surf Pines Lane and Manion. The Nygaards purchased the property from Rich Schroeder and we were able to negotiate to receive 1.16 acres of land to Surf Pines in exchange for the access to their property. The land is on the north side that fronts Surf Pines Lane from the Manion Pines driveway east almost to the marsh surrounding the creek. This piece of property will eventually house a storage building and allow us a more professional work area on the north side of the road. We look forward to more residents in Surf Pines as these homes are built. Thank you to Rich Schroeder for initiating this land transfer.

NORTH COAST LAND CONSERVANCY:

The NCLC has been working for a number of years researching restoration methods in the Surf Pines Prairie in an effort to bring back the Silver Spotted Butterfly population to the north coast. They have made two presentations to Surf Pines residents. In support and recognition of their work I participated in their Broom Bust on Wednesday May 17th. With the exception of the horrid flair in my allergies, it was a great way to work alongside a dozen others from the nearby cities who are committed to conservation of the land, water and habitat. North Coast Land Conservancy have amazing programs and I would encourage you to check it out - whether it is walking, hiking, birding, volunteering or creating art in nature.

FIRE SEASON:

Given our wet winter it is amazing how quickly the grasses and trees within Surf Pines dry out. Fire season usually begins July 1st and even small fire pits in your yards must be approved annually by the Department of Forestry 503-325-5451. And of course, never leave a fire unattended or have a fire when it is windy.

ANNUAL MEETING:

The Surf Pines Annual Meeting will be held at the Astoria Golf Club on August 5th. In addition to scintillating facts about Surf Pines, there is fun food and lots of opportunity to see your neighbors. Please put it on your calendar. Voting on the budget and Board Members is your opportunity to help run Surf Pines.

I hope each of you have a wonderful summer. Surf Pines truly is a magic environment.

Roads and Grounds

Richard Puetz

Surf Pines "on the lighter side"

It looks like summer may have finally arrived. Pollen count is high, lots of people with allergies and the pine trees bringing forth copious amounts of pollen to the unsuspecting community. The Roads and Grounds Committee has asked a local vendor to provide street sweeping to remove the pine needles from the streets and side apron. This will occur in the new fiscal calendar year. Also on the horizon will be the removal of trees that have become hazardous to the community, we have marked them with yellow caution tape. Vendors will be bidding on this and their response will be forwarded to the board for approval, work will commence in late fall 2017.

The street paving is scheduled for the week of the 4th, given that the weather holds up, it should only take two days to complete.

In fiscal year 2017-2018 no paving will be done. But plan on paving to start up in the following year.

Have a great summer and enjoy the beach.



Community Relations

Katie Weber

Surf Pines Annual Garage Sale July 1st

It was another successful year of sales. We had at least 25 homes taking part in this fun event. Some of our members were moving or downsizing or had just moved in and had an abundance of overflow. This was a great way to find new homes for some of our slightly used items. I believe we had a couple of Lemonade stands put on by our local kids. I'd like to thank all who participated in holding a sale and thanks to all of our neighbors who went shopping. Looking forward to seeing you all again next year.

Katie, your Garage Sale Lady

Surf Pines Picnic - July 2nd

Since the Breeze came out before we held our Picnic I can't honestly write about the attendance but I'm sure it was well attended. We had planned on fun games and prizes for the kids. Who doesn't love an egg toss, corn hole toss, and the swings in the park. Our picnic food is the best and we thank our friends and neighbors for their contributions of side dishes. Thanks to all who come out to support our association and many big thanks to our CRC committee and their friends and spouses for all their help with setting up and the cleanup. If you couldn't make it this year we hope we'll see you this time next year. Have a good 4th of July, stay safe and we'll see you in the neighborhood.



From Our Neighbors

Sunset Lake

Many lake and boating activities are governed by federal and state laws. Please be sure that you and all guests are aware of the laws and rules for activities on Sunset Lake. (This includes a speed limit of 10 MPH for boats as set by the State of Oregon.) Visit www.oregon.gov and www.uscgboating.org for more information.

Vacation Rentals in Surf Pines

by Lu Thornton

Is Surf Pines becoming the "new" Best Western on the Oregon Coast? Why have a gated community, what's the point? Different transient renters are here every weekend. Some homeowners in Surf Pines have turned their houses into motels.

I'm proposing that we follow Gearhart's ordinance on vacation rental dwellings. Gearhart wants to limit vacation rentals in neighborhoods. They also are charging a city tax along with the county tax on rentals. The houses already in the vacation rental business are grandfathered in. A moratorium has been put in their plan: "no new private homes" in the motel business in Gearhart. Gearhart wants to protect the integrity of their neighborhoods.

So do!! I'm a widow in my 80's living alone. I no longer feel secure in Surf Pines. I also feel this impacts the market value of our homes.

Additionally, John Gates needs to have additional compensation for all the extra work that vacation renters impose on this community.



Surf Pines Gulping Gourmet

Kate Besse

Women of Surf Pines, are you ready to have some fun? Come make new friends and join the Surf Pines Gulping Gourmet dinner gatherings. This unique, monthly event, is designed to be fun, easy, entertaining, and delicious. The hostess chooses the menu theme and everyone else brings the food.

Be creative, what's your favorite cuisine? Italian, Thai, Barefoot Contessa recipes, foods that start with the letter "T", cooking with alcohol, vegetarian...you name it!

If you would like to join, or have questions, please contact Kate Besse at 503.701.8056 or kate@katebesse.com. There are only a few spaces left, but don't worry, she's happy to start a second group, if there's enough interest. Our first gathering will be on Thursday, August 3, 2017, 6:30p.m. at Kate's home. The menu theme is: Your Favorite Recipe.



Surf Pines Directory

To report changes and/or corrections to your directory listing, please send an email to Bonnie Rogie at brogie1@frontier.com or Call her at 503 705 8152, and she will make the changes.

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